

**ORIGINAL**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION**

U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

**FILED****SEP 28 2006**

CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT

By NB Deputy

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
COMMISSION,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**BEALL CONCRETE ENTERPRISES, INC.,  
a wholly owned subsidiary of U. S. Concrete,  
Inc.**

**Defendant.**

**CIVIL ACTION NO.**

**COMPLAINT**

**3-06 CV 1779 - M**

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

**NATURE OF THE ACTION**

This is an action under Title I of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Title I of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, to correct unlawful employment practices on the basis of disability and to provide appropriate relief to Charles Gentry and a class of similarly situated individuals who were adversely affected by such practices. Specifically, Defendant discriminated against Mr. Gentry and similarly situated individuals by failing to provide them with a reasonable accommodation and then terminating their employment due to a record of a disability.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 451, 1331, 1337, 1343, and 1345. This action is authorized and instituted pursuant to Section 107(a) of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), 42 U.S.C. § 12117(a), which incorporates by reference Section 706(f)(1) and (3) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(f)(1) and (3), and pursuant to Section 102 of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. Section 1981a.

2. The employment practices alleged to be unlawful were and are now being committed within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

### **PARTIES**

3. Plaintiff, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (the "Commission"), is an agency of the United States of America charged with the administration, interpretation and enforcement of Title I of the ADA and is expressly authorized to bring this action by Section 107(a) of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. § 12117(a), which incorporates by reference Section 706(f)(1) and (3) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(f)(1) and (3).

4. At all relevant times, Defendant, Beall Concrete Enterprises, Inc. ("Defendant"), has continuously been and is now doing business in the State of Texas and has continuously employed at least fifteen employees.

5. At all relevant times, Defendant has continuously been an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce under Section 101(5) of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. § 12111(5), and Section 101(7) of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. § 12111(7), which incorporates by reference Section 701(g) and (h) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e(g) and (h).

6. At all relevant times, Defendant has continuously been a covered entity under Section 101(2) of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. Section 12111(2).

### **STATEMENT OF CLAIMS**

7. More than thirty days prior to the institution of this lawsuit, Charles Gentry filed a charge with the Commission alleging violation of the ADA by the Defendant. All conditions precedent to the institution of this lawsuit have been fulfilled.

8. Since May 20, 2004, the Defendant has engaged in conduct in violation of Section 102(b)(5)(A) of Title I of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. § 12112(b)(5)(A), and Section 102(a) of Title I of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. § 12112(a), by failing to provide Charles Gentry and similarly situated individuals with a reasonable accommodation, and then terminating their employment due to their record of a disability, pursuant to a policy requiring the termination of employees after 12 months of medical leave without providing a reasonable accommodation to individuals who are disabled under the ADA.

9. Since July 2004, the Defendant has engaged in conduct in violation of Section 102(b)(5)(B) of Title I of the ADA, 42 U.S.C. § 12112(b)(5)(B), by failing to rehire Charles Gentry based on his record of a disability.

10. The effect of the practices complained of in paragraphs 8 and 9, above, has been to deprive Charles Gentry and similarly situated individuals of equal employment opportunities and otherwise adversely affect their status as employees because of their record of disability.

11. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraphs 8 and 9 were intentional.

12. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraph 8 and 9 were committed with malice or with reckless indifference to the federally protected rights of Charles Gentry and similarly situated individuals.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Wherefore, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court:

A. Grant a permanent injunction enjoining the Defendant, its officers, successors, assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with it, from engaging in any employment practice which discriminates on the basis of disability.

B.. Order the Defendant to institute and carry out policies, practices, and programs which provide equal employment opportunities, and which eradicate the effects of its past and present unlawful employment practices.

D. Order the Defendant to make whole Charles Gentry and a class of similarly situated individuals by providing appropriate back pay with prejudgment interest in amounts to be determined at trial, front pay, pecuniary losses, compensatory damages including out-of-pocket expenses, and other affirmative relief necessary to eradicate the effects of its unlawful employment practices, including but not limited to rightful place reinstatement of Charles Gentry and similarly situated individuals.

E. Order the Defendant to make Charles Gentry and similarly situated individuals whole by providing compensation for past and future pecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful employment practices described in paragraph 8 above, including but not limited to out of pocket medical expenses and job hunting expenses.

F. Order the Defendant to make Charles Gentry and a class of similarly situated individuals whole by providing compensation for past and future non-pecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful employment practices described in paragraph 8 above, including but not limited to, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, loss of consortium, and loss of enjoyment of life, in amounts to be determined at trial.

G. Order the Defendant to pay Charles Gentry and similarly situated individuals punitive damages for its intentional, malicious conduct or reckless indifference described and referenced in paragraph 8 above, in an amount to be determined at trial.

H. Grant such further relief as the Court deems necessary and proper in the public interest.

I. Award the Commission its costs in this action.

**JURY TRIAL DEMAND**

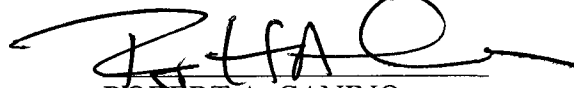
The Commission requests a jury trial on all questions of fact raised by its Complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

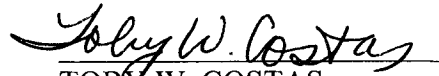
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## (a) PLAINTIFFS

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

## (b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

## (c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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## DEFENDANTS

BEALL CONCRETE ENTERPRISES, INC., a wholly owned subsidiary of  
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## County of Residence of First Listed Defendant

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

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LAND INVOLVED

## Attorneys (If Known)

3-06CV1779-M

## I. BASIS OF JURISDICTION

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

## III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES

(For Diversity Cases Only)

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| Citizen of This State                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State     | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State                | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation  | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

## IV. NATURE OF SUIT

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CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
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## V. ORIGIN

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ Original Proceeding
- ☐ 2 Removed from State Court
- ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
- ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
- ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify)
- ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation
- ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

## VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing. (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  
Title I of American with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Title I of the Civil Rights act of 1991.

Brief description of cause:

Def. discriminated against Gentry, failed to provide reasonable accommodation &amp; terminated employment.

## VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☐ No

## VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

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